



Saunders County Board Minutes



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

March 25, 2014

Pursuant to adjournment, the Board met with Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton and Karloff present.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by published notice in a legal newspaper as shown by the proof of publication filed in the County Clerk's office. Notice of the meeting was emailed to all members of the Board and a copy of their acknowledgement of receipt of notice and agenda is attached. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

Chairperson Karloff called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

Troy Johnston, from JEO Consulting Group, Wahoo – submitted an updated plan for the Saunders County Veterans Memorial (last week Eric Alm, Chair of the committee for the proposed SCVM, informed the Board that the slope of site for the project did not meet ADA compliance), Mr. Johnston said the biggest changes to the proposed memorial was the 7' retaining wall, the inlay brick will now be in the wall; on the back side of wall will be about 4'. The Board asked questions and expressed concerns about drainage, safety issue of the height of the wall, maintenance of the grounds (especially snow removal). They also discussed the possibility of moving the Eternal Flame and if that was in the plains, Mr. Alm has been researching the moving of the Eternal Flame – this move would have to be approved by the Saunders County Veterans. Many other small details for said project were discussed.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Breunig to authorize the advertising for a Public Hearing for the purchase of a New Mini-Van for the County's Transportation System, said hearing to be held on April 15, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Dan Benes, President of the Saunders County Livestock Association visited with the Board on considering designating Saunders County as a Livestock Friendly County. Mr. Benes discussed the following points for said designation: 1) Indicates to the public that livestock production is a priority in terms of economic opportunities for the county; 2) Useful in publicity efforts by the county in recruiting businesses; 3) Provides the opportunity for public dialogue and education on local livestock production; 4) Does Not remove local control over zoning, it only facilitates local discussion on how zoning should be conducted; 5) There is some paperwork needs to that needs to submitted to the Nebraska Department of Agriculture; 6) Provides the opportunity for collaboration with an outside reviewer on zoning principles and best management practices for livestock operations; and 7) An annual review ensures a county is staying true to its goal of being livestock friendly and allows the discussion of livestock production to evolve and grow as the county does.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Martin to for the County to proceed with the process of making application to be designated as a Livestock Friendly County. Voting yes were Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Dean Henrichson, Director for Saunders County Mutual Finance Organization (MFO) visited with the Board with regards to the MFO; he provided them with the history as to how the MFO was organized. The process is an annual application for funding request from the Nebraska State Treasurer (Saunders County has been submitting the funding request since 1999). In order to make such a request 80% fire departments and all funding bodies, all parties also have to agree to a common levy, which is currently 4¢. There are currently (17) subdivisions receiving funding. If there is any deviation in the common levy after the paper work has been submitted, the State would probably honor the request for the current year, but would probably be denied any additional funding from the MFO. The Board discussed how the funding was distributed.

The Board indicated that they would like to see the budgets and balance sheets from each fire department that shows their cash on hand and a list of the capital outlay. The Board has concerns that some fire departments are very wealthy and some are not; they discussed possibly adjusting the levies on some fire districts.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Breunig to convene as an Equalization Board at 10:16 a.m. Voting yes were Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION PROCEEDINGS March 25, 2014

Pursuant to adjournment Sine Die, the Board met with Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Martin were present.

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Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. and informed the public of the location of the posting of the Open Meetings Act & Title VI Policy Statement are posted on the North wall (right hand side) as you enter the Board Room).

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Karloff to open the Public Hearing at 10:18 for the consideration of the application for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations by MidAmerica District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1301 South 119th Street, Omaha, NE, for property describe as the S 373' of the E350' of the W 425' of SE¼ of Sec. 28, Twn 17N, R8E, except the S33' thereof (property utilized by Camp Rivercrest). Voting yes were Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Martin. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Karloff to close the Public Hearing at 10:19 and approve the application for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by MidAmerica District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, 1301 South 119th Street, Omaha, NE, for property describe as the S 373' of the E350' of the W 425' of SE¼ of Sec. 28, Twn 17N, R8E, except the S33' thereof (property utilized by Camp Rivercrest). Voting yes were Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Sukstorf to approve the Application(s) for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes by the Boy Scout Troop 144, Valparaiso (see attached). Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf and Hanson. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Karloff, seconded by Lutton to approve Tax Correction #5144 (see attached). Voting yes were Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson and Lutton. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanson, seconded by Rastovski to approve the minutes of the March 18th Board meeting. Voting yes were Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton and Karloff. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

The proceedings of the foregoing meeting were recorded and are on file in the County Clerk's office. All items considered by the Board of Supervisors were included in the agenda published or posted prior to said meeting.

Chairperson Martin declared the meeting adjourned Sine Die at 10:21 a.m.

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Saunders County Clerk

Chairperson Board of Equalization

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Martin to contract with Wahoo Computers, Wahoo to assist with computer set up in the County. Voting yes were Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff and Breunig. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Lutton, seconded by Sukstorf to authorize the IT Committee/Assistant Board Administrator to initiate the expenditure of funds necessary to complete the computer set in the County. Voting yes were Martin, Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig and Rastovski. Voting no were none. Motion carried.



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The Board Administrative Assistant discussed concerns with the IT Service Contract the county's has with Kidwell with regards on hours we are paying for and the actual service provided. He also discussed the issue we are currently addressing with the issue of XP support being discontinued the part of April. He also discussed the Public Defenders percentage split on cost between his private practice and county business.

Motion by Sukstorf, seconded by Breunig to approve the Vendor Claims against the County for the month of March; the County Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue a check to the Saunders County Imprest Account for the full amount for all funds. Voting yes were Sukstorf, Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski and Martin. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Legislative Matters:

Board Member Breunig updated the Board on the following legislative matters: There are 3 weeks left in this session; a new airplane was approved for the Governors use; the budget was passed and will be sent to the Governor; The Legislature did the procedure called "Consent Calendar" which they will take a group of legislative bills and approve them in mass.

Fiscal Year Budgets 2013-2014 and 2014-2015: The Finance Committee will like to meet with the County Sheriff and Correction Administrator, the County Clerk was asked to set up time for them to meet with the Committee next Tuesday morning; the Finance Committee Chair reported that they met with the County Assessor and it appears that Ag Land will increase by 15% for 2014.

Motion by Breunig, seconded by Rastovski to approve the minutes of the March 18th Board meeting. Voting yes were Hanson, Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin and Sukstorf. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Motion by Rastovski, seconded by Breunig to approve the withdrawal of Pledged Securities (see attached). Voting yes were Lutton, Karloff, Breunig, Rastovski, Martin, Sukstorf and Hanson. Voting no were none. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Board Member Hanson reported on the SENDD and SMC meetings that he attended.

Open Discussion from the Public:

Pam Lausterer, Youth Services Director said on Friday she received a letter from Dr. Ann Hobbs, School Criminology and Criminal Justice, in seeking help have letters of support written in support of Juvenile Justice Institute's proposal for the Nebraska Crime Commission Federal Juvenile Accountability Block Grant. She was late to being able to get this matter put on today's agenda and the letter of support is due by March 31st and due to the Board not meeting until April 1, she didn't know what the process was. It was determined that the Chair would sign the letter and that an agenda item would be put on April 1st agenda ratifying the signing of said letter of support.

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Chairperson Karloff declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

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Chairperson Board of Supervisors